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SUBJECT: INCREASED UNIDO AUTONOMY

REF: A. VIENNA 4494, 23 MAY 75; B. USUN 1882, 3 JUNE 75

1. IN LIGHT OF RECENT DISCUSSION IN FIFTH COMMITTEE OF QUESTION OF INCREASEDBUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE AUTONOMY FOR UNIDO (A/C.5/SR.1720, PP 11-16), WE TOOK OCCASION OF CALL ON HOLMES (UNIDO CHIEF OF PERSONNEL SERVICES) TO INQUIRE WHAT WAS HAPPENING AS REGARDS PROPOSED DELEGATION BY SYG TO UNIDO OF INCREASED AUTHORITY IN THE FIELD OF

PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION REPORTED REFEELS.

2. HOLMES SAID THAT DISCUSSIONS WITH UNNY, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS "MOST COOPERATIVE" IN THIS RESPECT, HAD CARRIED THIS MATTER TO THE POINT WHERE THE UNNY WAS READY FORMALLY TO ANNOUNCE TRANSFER OF THE INDICATED AUTHORITIES TO UNIDO. HOWEVER,

THE REORGANIZATION OF THE SECRETARIAT WITH ITS ATTENDANT CONFUSION AND HEAVY LOAD ON THE DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION HAD MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR UNIDO TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONS IN THE FIELD OF PELO ADMINISTRATION AT THE PRESENT TIME. IT HAD, THEREFORE, REQUESTED UNNY TO HOLD OFF AND THE SITUATION REMAINED UNCLASSIFIED

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WHERE IT WAS IN THE SPRING OF 1975.

3. WHEN WE ASKED HOW THE SECRETARIAT INTENDED TO HANDLE THIS MATTER VIS-A-VIS GOVERNMENTS, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF SUCH STATEMENTS IN THE FIFTH COMMITTEE AS THOSE OF STUART (UK), HOLMES REPLIED THAT IN HIS VIEW DELEGATION TO UNIDO OF AUTHORITY FOR PERSONNEL ACTIONS WAS WITHIN THE DISCRETION OF THE SYG AND DID NOT REQUIRE PRIOR SUBMISSION TO GOVERNMENTS BUT ADDED THAT HE WAS NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE CURRENT VIEW IN NEW YORK. STIBRAVY

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